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1. (U) THIS IS THE LATEST IN OUR SERIES OF CABLES REPORTING  
VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE PAST WEEK.  
WE CALL THEM "AREPAS" FROM THE CORNMEAL MUFFINS THAT ARE A STAPLE  
OF VENEZUELAN CUISINE.

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CHAVEZ REACTIVATES HIS COUP CONSPIRATORS

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2. (U) ON DECEMBER 17, THE ANNIVERSARY OF SIMON BOLIVAR'S DEATH, CHAVEZ WILL REINAUGURATE THE BOLIVARIAN REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT-200 (MBR-200)--THE CONSPIRACY BEHIND HIS 1992 COUP ATTEMPT--AND WILL COMMISSION SOME 7,000 BOLIVARIAN CIRCLES ON CARACAS'S AVENIDA BOLIVAR. ORGANIZERS ARE ASPIRING TO HOST 200,000 PEOPLE AT THIS EVENT, WHICH SEEMS WILDLY OPTIMISTIC GIVEN THE SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTING CROWDS AT RECENT HUGOFESTS.

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3. (U) RUMORS OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE ARE RUNNING RAMPANT AMONG ANTI-CHAVISTAS. "THEY JUST SHOT FREDDY BERNAL'S BROTHER-IN-LAW!" SAID ONE WELL-KNOWN COLUMNIST AND POLITICS PROFESSOR. WHO'RE THEY? "THEM," THE PROFESSOR EXPLAINED. (PROBABLY NOT TRUE.) "THE MVR JUST BEAT UP GENERAL BELASARIO LANZA OF THE NATIONAL GUARD," SAID AN ANTI-CHAVEZ ORGANIZER TO POLOFF. (UNTRUE.) VENEZUELAN, EVEN WELL EDUCATED ONES, MAY NOT BELIEVE WHAT THEY READ, BUT THEY DO BELIEVE WHAT THEY HEAR.

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